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Applicant(s): Haruko TOYOSHIMA et al.				
Invention: Absorbent Member Having Three Dimensional Guards				
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the USPTO Communication dated April 12, 2006 and to the Office Action dated August 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.